

VERMONT COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE 2009-2010 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL

What is the Leadership Council?

The Vermont Commission on National and Community Service (VT CNCS) Leadership Council is a select team of national service participants (Service Leaders) from across Vermont that are interested in developing leadership skills, through creating opportunities and participating in activities that promote service and volunteerism across the state.

Service Leaders foster collaboration among national service programs by bringing together participants serving in AmeriCorps*State, AmeriCorps*National Direct, AmeriCorps*VISTA, RSVP, Foster Grandparents and Senior Corps programs to collaborate in recruitment activities, and in planning statewide service days and training events.

Service Leaders will become informed about Vermont's Emergency Management infrastructure and play a role in planning for and recruiting volunteers to assist with state emergencies.

In addition, VT CNCS Leadership Council members will work locally to create opportunities to share their service experience and promote service and volunteerism through activities such as:

- speaking about their service experience before local community groups and schools
- representing national service programs at recruitment fairs and other informational events such as job fairs, gap year fairs and college fairs
- planning and promoting single-event direct service projects and/or celebration of service for AmeriCorps week
- speaking before various audiences about the importance of emergency preparedness, and asking individuals to register as a Vermont Emergency Response Volunteer (VERV)
- planning a workshop, service project or panel presentation for the National Service Conference (May 2010)

Who can be a Service Leader?

Any AmeriCorps*State, AmeriCorps*National Direct, AmeriCorps*VISTA, RSVP, Foster Grandparents and Senior Corps member may apply to be a Service Leader. Applications will be reviewed by a panel of VT CNCS Commission members and VT CNCS Staff will notify selected individuals. Selection considerations will include the following: applicant statement, programmatic representation and geographic location of the participants.

All members must be vigilant in making sure that they are, first and foremost, completing necessary hours to meet the requirements of their service agreement, this is particularly important for part-time members. Service to the program and site is always the first responsibility for a participant.

Time and Service Commitment

VT CNCS Leadership Council will have an orientation retreat during the month of November 2009. Additional training meetings focused on Emergency Preparedness, Recruiting Volunteers and/or Leadership Principles and Development will be scheduled during the service year.

Service Leaders will be asked to contribute between 8 and 10 service hours per month and will work in their community to promote an ethic of service and to engage community volunteers in emergency preparedness.

Service Leaders will serve twelve (12) months, if enrolled in AmeriCorps*State or AmeriCorps*VISTA, and will serve during their full term of service. While most of the opportunities occur during the regular work week schedule some events do occur on weekends and in the evenings.

Benefits of VT CNCS Leadership Council

Participating in the VT CNCS Leadership Council provides the national service participant with an opportunity to reflect upon his/her experience with leadership and to set individual goals around leadership development.

Service Leaders receive mileage reimbursement for attending all approved activities pursuant to the mileage reimbursement policy and additional training above their normal national service program. Some events provide meals for participants. However, meals will not be provided at events unless organized by VT CNCS.

Additional Information on the VT CNCS Leadership Council

Please contact Liz Lepore, VT CNCS Training Officer, at elizabeth.lepore@ahs.state.vt.us or 802-241-4550 for more information or if you have any questions about participating in the Leadership Council and becoming a Service Leader.

**VERMONT COMMISSION ON NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE
2009-2010 LEADERSHIP COUNCIL APPLICATION**

APPLICANT INFORMATION

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

EMAIL ADDRESS(s) _____

TELEPHONE NUMBERS HOME _____ CELL _____

NATIONAL SERVICE PROGRAM INFORMATION

Please indicate the National Service Program you are currently a member of and provide the program information below:

☐ AmeriCorps*State ☐ AmeriCorps*VISTA ☐ RSVP
☐ Senior Companion ☐ Foster Grandparent ☐ Other _____

PROGRAM NAME _____

SUPERVISOR NAME _____

SERVICE SITE _____

SITE ADDRESS _____

SITE NUMBERS TELEPHONE _____ FACSIMILE _____

NOTE: **AmeriCorps*State and AmeriCorps*VISTA Members, please indicate your end of service date _____**

ORIENTATION INFORMATION

Service Leaders are required to attend a retreat that is scheduled for November 2009. Additional meetings and trainings will occur throughout the term. You will receive more detailed information on the orientation following your acceptance.

Special dietary needs _____

Special accommodations you require _____

APPLICANT STATEMENT

Please attach a statement that describes your personal experience with leadership and the reason for your interest in service on the Leadership Council. Describe your level of interest in and experience with emergency preparedness and what you hope to bring to the program. Provide details related to your unique skills or qualifications related to service, ambassadorship and/or leadership and your goals related to leadership development.

SERVICE LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATION

All information provided is true and accurate. I understand that I am making a commitment to be a part of the Vermont Commission on National and Community Service (VT CNCS) Leadership Council through the end of my service year and will participate in all activities as described in the VT CNCS Leadership Council program information sheet. I am responsible for making all of the appropriate arrangements with my supervisor for my participation.

Member Signature _____ Date _____

AMERICORPS*STATE AND AMERICORPS*VISTA ONLY SUPERVISOR CERTIFICATION

I will support this member's participation in the VT CNCS Leadership Council program and understand that the member may commit between 8 and 10 hours per month to related training and service activities.

Supervisor Signature _____ Date _____

Please return this application on or before October 9, 2009 to:

Liz Lepore, Training Officer
Vermont Commission on National and Community Service
State of Vermont, Agency of Human Services
Office of the Secretary, 1st Floor, 4 North
102 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671-0204

VT CNCS Staff will notify the selected individuals of acceptance by October 16, 2009.